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UPDATE ON SUSPICIOUS DEATH INVESTIGATION IN FOX CANYON

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit and Traffic Unit detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a male found in an apartment complex parking lot.

At 6:30 a.m., officers responded to a report of an injured male in the parking lot of an apartment complex, located in the 3800 block of Winona Avenue. They arrived to find a deceased male. The male appeared to have suffered trauma to his head and upper body.

During the preliminary investigation, detectives learned of a previously unreported traffic accident involving a pedestrian at 4200 Euclid Avenue. Based on evidence located at the traffic accident scene, it has been determined that the deceased victim was at 4200 Euclid Ave when he was struck by two different vehicles. The victim's body was transported to the apartment complex parking lot and dumped.

The victim, 35, has been identified but his name is being withheld pending notification of his family.

The first vehicle to strike the victim is described as a mid-size red or maroon pick-up truck, similar to a Nissan, with a Hispanic male driver. The vehicle should have heavy front end damage. The second vehicle to strike the victim was described as a yellow taxi cab.

Anyone with information about the traffic accident or the death of the male is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.